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Nitze Nominated to Replace Vance in Deputy SecDef Post

Nomination of Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze to replace retiring Cyrus R. Vance as Deputy Secretary of Defense was submitted to the Senate June 12 by President Johnson.

The President had announced June 10 his acceptance of Mr. Vance's resignation, stating that he intended to nominate Mr. Nitze to fill the Deputy Secretary of Defense post.

President Johnson named John T. McNaughton, current Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, to replace Mr. Nitze as Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Vance, 50, has been number two man in the Department of Defense since his appointment by President Johnson in January 1964. He requested to be relieved from his post effective June 30 because of an ailing back.

President Johnson accepted Mr. Vance's resignation "with deepest reluctance and regret," stating that "your sound judgment, wise counsel and manifold abilities will be sorely missed."

Appointed by President Kennedy

Mr. Nitze, 60, is one of the late President Kennedy's first Department of Defense appointees. He was named Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs in January 1961, and was elevated to Secretary of the Navy by Mr. Kennedy in October 1963.

He had served as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey from 1944 to 1946. From 1946 to 1953, Mr. Nitze was with the State Department.

Mr. McNaughton, 45, was appointed to his present post by President Johnson in March 1964. He was first employed by DOD as General Counsel in July 1962.

During World War II, Mr. McNaughton served as a lieutenant with a Navy gun crew aboard a merchant ship in the Atlantic before being transferred to a destroyer escort in the Pacific.

Replacing Mr. McNaughton will be current DOD General Counsel Paul C. Warnke. A prominent attorney in Washington, D. C., Mr. Warnke, 47, left his law firm in October 1966 to enter government service. He served in the Coast Guard as a lieutenant from 1943-1946.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—VAdm. Lloyd M. Mustin, Commander, Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force, receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Earle Wheeler at Pentagon ceremonies. Adm. Mustin was cited for "exceptionally distinguished service" and contributing "greatly to the security of the United States," while serving as Director for Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, from June 1964 to May 1967.

Gen. Walt Calls Pacification Program Important in Meeting With President

Pacification is one of the most important programs the United States has in Vietnam, Marine Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt told President Johnson June 12.

"As long as we help these people, they are going to get back on their feet, and get their government and communities reconstructed," the new Marine Corps Director of Personnel and Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower said after meeting with the President.

This is where the U.S. is making headway, the general said, pointing out, "we have not, at any time, pulled a single Marine battalion out of the pacified area and I hope we don't."

Just back after two years in Vietnam, Gen. Walt said, "the bombing is doing a tremendous lot of good."

He again explained that during the Tet period the enemy moved reinforcements, ammunition and weapons into the DMZ. However, the enemy did not attain its objectives.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS announced selection of 38 Navy captains for promotion to rear admiral. Captains were selected by promotion board headed by Adm. T. H. Moorer. Board forwarded nominations to President Johnson, who has sent them to Senate for confirmation.

RECENT AIR FORCE experiments have proved satellites between ionospheric layers can "talk" to each other unaided by relay stations even when on opposite sides of earth. HF and VHF radio signals were sent between transmitter and receiving satellites launched from Cape Kennedy last November. Most signal transmissions occurred between 120 and 160 nautical miles altitude.

MILITARY OWNERS of house trailers in France have been financially assisted by special relief legislation developed by Air Force. More than $500,000 was spent in purchase of 274 house trailers from service personnel who otherwise stood to lose all or most of their investments.

MORE THAN 1,000 Naval Academy and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Midshipmen will participate in at-sea phase of 1967 Atlantic Fleet Midshipmen Training Program from June 8 through Aug. 4. Midshipmen will be aboard 20 Second Fleet ships for at-sea training in all phases of ship-handling and naval warfare.

GRADUATION EXERCISES for sixth class at Inter-American Defense College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., was held June 9. Thirty-one officers and civilian students represented 12 American Republics.

ARTILLERYMEN IN PAY grades E-5 through E-7 in MOS's 13B, 13E and 82C are urgently needed as instructors at U.S. Army Training Center, Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla. Personnel Action Requests DA Form 1049 should be submitted through command channels.

COUNTERINSURGENCY course for senior officers began June 12 at Command and Staff College, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. Estimated 75 regular and reserve officers of Marine Corps, Army and Navy are attending two-week course. Purpose of class is to provide senior officers (major through colonel) with knowledge of U.S. policies, programs and plans for counterinsurgency operations.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION of a new defense communications system between Washington, D.C., and South Vietnam involved a five-minute conversation between Air Force Secretary Harold Brown and Seventh Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer in Saigon. Talk was by way of satellite relay. The system, still under test and evaluation, is scheduled to reach formal operational capability July 1.

ONE-THOUSANDTH MINUTEMAN ICBM has been turned over to the Strategic Air Command. Delivery of the final flight of 50 Minuteman II missiles was made to units at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. SAC now has 200 Minuteman II and 800 Minuteman I missiles.

ESTIMATED 7,100 Air Force ROTC cadets will attend field training this summer at 20 Air Force installations. Cadets from more than 170 colleges and universities will participate in instruction designed to prepare them for commissioning as Air Force officers. More than 5,700 cadets in four-year ROTC program will spend four weeks in training, while 1,400 students enrolled in new two-year program will have six weeks training.

CHIEF OF STAFF of Army has approved establishment of U. S. Army Military History Research Collection. It will be made part of Army War College Library at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., as repository for significant military historical items.

JUNE 18TH MARKS second anniversary of first SAC B-52 bombing missions against Communist aggressors in Vietnam. Since first mission, Stratofortresses have delivered more than 190,000 tons of bombs in more than 1,000 missions.

CONTRACT TOTALING $8.2 million was awarded to Austin, Tex., construction firm for construction of enlisted men's barracks complex at Fort Hood, Tex. Included in construction are seven 326-man air-conditioned barracks, three battalion-size enlisted mess halls, three administration and supply buildings, four battalion headquarters and classrooms, a brigade headquarters building, a gymnasium, a unit chapel, a branch post exchange and a dispensary.

NEW DIRECTOR OF Aircraft and Missiles, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel), OASD (I&L), is Brig Gen. Robert J. Meyer, USAF. He succeeded Brig. Gen. T. S. Jeffrey Jr., USAF.

DESTROYER ESCORT USS Koelsch was commissioned June 10 at Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass. Koelsch was named for Lt(jg) John K. Koelsch, pilot of a helicopter which crashed during rescue mission in North Korea in July 1951. Posthumously awarded Medal of Honor, Lt. Koelsch led his men through enemy territory for nine days before their capture. He died later in a North Korean prison camp. Koelsch will be equipped with anti-submarine rockets, anti-submarine torpedo launchers, and two five-inch, 38 cal. mounts, one forward and other aft.

U. S. ARMY OBSERVED its 192nd anniversary June 14, marking the day in 1775 when the Continental Congress appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for governing the service.

PUBLIC VISITORS AT 256 Army Corps of Engineers' reservoirs reached record-breaking 193.7 million persons in 1966. This is 25.1 million increase over previous all-time high at 240 projects in 1965.

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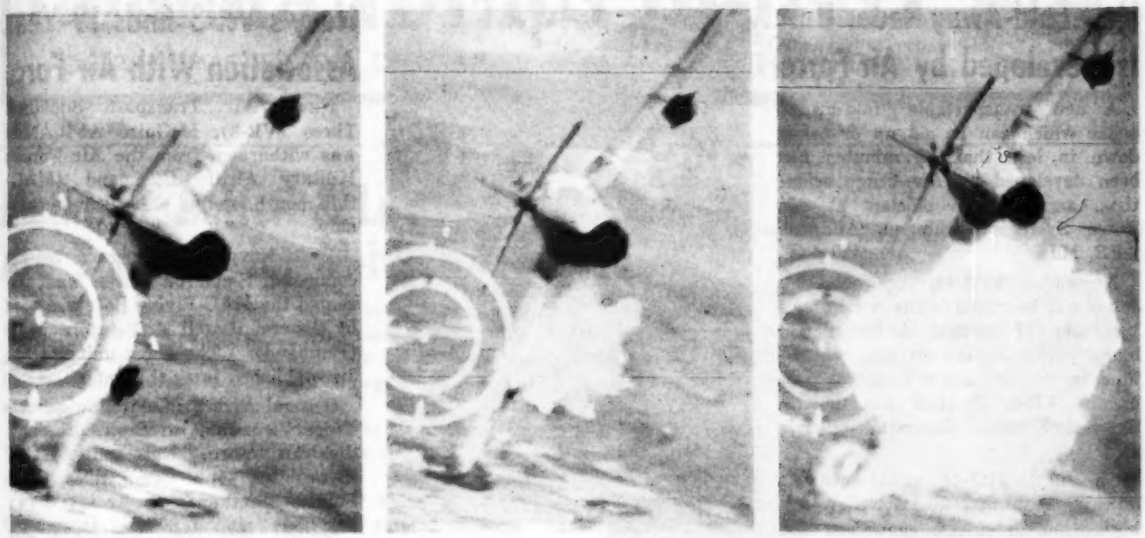

DEATH OF A MIG—Following an air strike in North Vietnam, Air Force Maj. Ralph L. Kuster, an F-105 Thunderchief pilot, closes on an enemy MIG-17. Firing his 20mm cannon at point-blank range, Maj. Kuster hits the left wing of the MIG near the fuselage and it bursts into flames. Maj. Kuster's gun camera records the "death of a MIG" as the entire left wing is engulfed in flames and disintegrates. The enemy aircraft rolled over, just after Maj. Kuster passed 15 to 20 feet below it, and crashed in an area 41 miles east-northeast of Hanoi. Maj. Kuster is assigned to the 469th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Minnesota Guard Unit to Take Part In Alaskan Exercise 'Northern Sun'

Military Airlift Command C-141 Starlifter transports will be used to airlift an entire Minnesota Army National Guard battalion to Alaska in August as part of Operation "Northern Sun," a Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed exercise.

It will be the first time the Starlifters will airlift an entire Army National Guard battalion to participate in a military exercise.

The exercise is scheduled for Aug. 5-20 in the Ft. Greely maneuver area, and is one in a series of exercises which have included "Northern Hills" and "Northern Strike" in previous years. The exercises are designed to enhance the military's ability to reinforce Alaska under emergency conditions.

Military to Support Summer Recreation Activity

The Department of Defense is cooperating again this year in supporting nationwide summer recreation programs for youngsters in nearby communities.

In a memorandum to Secretaries of the Military Departments, Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance noted the success of last year's program, but said that the youth summer recreation program "must not interfere with military missions nor services."

Huge AF Balloons to Test Parachutes for Mars Flight

Four mammoth balloon systems will be launched from Walker AFB, N.M., this summer to test different parachute configurations designed to soft-land NASA's unmanned Voyager capsule on Mars in the early 1970s.

The balloons, to be launched June 27, July 20, Aug. 9 and Aug. 24, are 815 feet long—the largest ever developed by the U.S.

Conducted by the Air Force Office of Aerospace Research's Cambridge Research Laboratories (AFCRL), the four flights will complete a series of five launches which began last August at Walker AFB.

Except for modifications to the capsule's rocketry and an increase of 100 pounds in the capsule's total weight, the tests will be conducted as before.

Following each launch, the balloon will drift 100 miles westward until it reaches the desired altitude over the White Sands Missile Range where a ground command will trigger release of the capsule.

Seconds after release, eight rockets will ignite to propel the flight unit upward into an arching trajectory, peaking at about 140,000 feet. At this altitude, the velocities and pressures will closely correspond to those in the rarefied Martian atmosphere and the test parachute will be deployed.

New Fold-Away Radar Unit Is Developed by Air Force

A new transportable "fold-away" radar which can be set up or taken down in less than 20 minutes has been developed by Air Force scientists, according to officials at Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.

Known as TPS-44, the fold-away radar will be added to the Air Force's inventory of tactical detection and identification equipment and will be used in the forward air control post of the 407-L Tactical Air Control System, Systems Command officials said.

The new TPS-44 radar can be quickly set up or folded down even in high wind and storm conditions and can be ready for transport in less than 20 minutes when required under tactical conditions, Systems Command officials said.

Army Named to Manage All Military Generators

The Army has been assigned managership for all military engine generators, a step towards eventually setting up a defense-wide standard family of electric power sets ranging from .5 to 2,000 kilowatts.

Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor will announce a specific project manager at a later date. The Army has been responsible for selection and design of all mobile (skid or wheel-mounted) diesel and gasoline engine generators.

Generators are defined as "critical combat items" supporting Southeast Asia operations and other world wide defense commitments. The standard family is intended to satisfy the greatest number of military uses with the least number of sizes and types.

There are about 300,000 engine generators in the DOD inventory. Projected requirements call for roughly 100,000 more.

Generator management had previously been segmented among military departments, Marine Corps and other DOD agencies.

AERIAL TOUR—Francis J. Galbraith, U. S. Ambassador to Singapore (left), settles into his helicopter seat prior to an aerial tour of Saigon, including the U.S. Army Terminal, Newport, and the 506th Field Depot, facilities of the 1st Logistical Command. Accompanying the Ambassador is Brig. Gen. Shelton E. Lollis (right) 1st Log's Deputy Commander.

196th Brigade Sniper School Graduates Its First Class

The 196th Light Infantry Brigade's new Sniper School graduated its first class in Vietnam last month.

Organized under Army's new sniper program, development of 196th Brigade's school was begun at the suggestion of Brig. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, Brigade Commander.

The six-day course combines classroom instruction and intensive live and dry-firing practice with sniper weapons — a telescope-sighted M-14 rifle and the XM-14B rifle and grenade launcher.

Using instructors from the brigade's Charger Academy and a makeshift rifle range at brigade headquarters near Chu Lai, the school gives infantrymen a comprehensive education in all aspects of a sniper's mission.

Navy's VR-3 Ends 19-Year Association With Air Force

Naval Air Transport Squadron Three (VR-3), McGuire AFB, N.J., was withdrawn from the Air Force's Military Airlift Command (MAC) this month, ending a 19-year partnership.

Last Navy unit assigned to the command, Squadron Three was presented the MAC Flying Safety Award by General Howell M. Estes Jr., MAC Commander. The Navy unit is to be disestablished later this month.

General Bruce K. Holloway, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to VR-3 Commander Capt. Stanley Montunnas.

Earlier this year, the Naval Air Transport Wing Pacific, Moffett Field, Calif., was disestablished. It also received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Army Aviation Contracts Awards Total $24 Million

The Army is awarding some $24 million to three firms for UH-1 "Iroquois" helicopter engines and equipment and for modernizing two versions of the "Mohawk" OV-1 fixed wing aircraft.

Largest of the Army Aviation Materiel Command awards is for UH-1 (T53-L-13) engines. A $17 million modification to existing contracts is being awarded to AVCO Corporation, Stratford, Conn.

The UH-1, commonly called the "Huey," comes in three configurations: a trainer, a gun-ship, and a troop-cargo carrier. The engines will fit in any of these configurations.

A $1.3 million fixed-price contract is going to Collins Radio Corp., Addison, Tex., for UH-1 avionic kits. This contract supersedes an existing letter contract.

Mohawk modernization will be done by Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., Bethpage, L.I. A $3.7 million contract modification is for the OV-1B and a $2.3 million modification covers the OV-1C.

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